

## GOVERNOR INFORMATION

Our governors are responsible for overseeing the management of our school, which enables the school to run as effectively as possible to provide a high quality education for our children.

Our Governors are Ms. P O'Brien (Chair), Rev G. Naylor, Mr T Baker, Mrs C Baker and Miss J Nundy (Parent).

You can contact the governors via the office.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

The children continue to look very smart in their grey trousers or skirts, white t-shirts/shirts and red jumpers or cardigans. Please remember to ensure your child wears their black school shoes everyday and that they need a pair of black sandshoes to change into to wear in school. We encourage you also write children's names in their uniform items in case these are misplaced.

## PE KITS

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school for their PE days. The PE kit consists of plain red shorts and plain white t-shirts. Outdoor kits of plain black joggers and plain black sweatshirts can also be worn when PE takes place outside, so children will also need their trainers on these days.

If you need to order any items of school uniform, this can be done via ParentMail or please call into the school office and they will help you with this.



## GOOD BYE AND WELCOME

We were sad to say goodbye to Miss Adamson in the office last Friday, however, we wish her good luck as she takes up a new role in a secondary school. We also look forward to welcoming Mrs Allen to the office team soon.

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

A good attendance record has a positive impact on children's achievement, their ability to socialise and their emotional wellbeing. It is also essential that children arrive in school on time each day to ensure they do not miss out on their learning. Classroom doors are open from **8.45am** and **registration is at 8.55am.**

Breakfast club is available daily for working parents from 7.45am and costs £1 per child per day, this should be pre-booked via ParentMail or through the school office. Children can arrive at breakfast club up to 8.20am.

Please remember that we are unable to authorise any absences due to holidays taken during term time and that penalty notices may be issued (£60 per parent, per child). Please notify the school office if your child is absent for illness or a medical appointment.

## SAFEGUARDING/SEN/FIRST AIDERS

Miss Strickland is our Child Protection and Safeguarding Lead.

Our Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Moore and Mrs Hunter.

Our SENCo is Mrs Moore.

Our First aiders are Mr Jowett, Miss Brown, Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Emerson, Mrs Drury and Mrs Allison.

## YEAR 1 VISIT TO THE STREETLIFE MUSEUM

On Tuesday 7th March, Year 1 enjoyed a visit to the Streetlife Museum as part of their history unit. The children deepened their learning about who Amy Johnson was and they had the opportunity to handle original artefacts. During the visit the children learnt about all of the struggles Amy Johnson had to face during her famous solo flight to Australia. The children were great ambassadors for St James' Academy throughout the trip.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

On Friday 3rd March the school enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. Thank you for your support with costumes - we had everything from fairy tale characters to 'The Cat in the Hat' to Harry Potter. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and the book exchange was a great success, ensuring that everyone was able to find a book they could 'Read for Pleasure'.



## DRUMMING WORKSHOP

We thoroughly enjoyed our drumming workshop on Monday 6th March with Jeff Rich, the former drummer of Status Quo. We enjoyed an informative talk on the history of drums and then every child in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 enjoyed a drumming performance and joined in with a wide range of percussion instruments. With a drum kit and at least 90 percussion instruments playing at the same time, the children certainly raised the roof!



## EASTER AT ST. JAMES' CE ACADEMY

- We will begin selling tickets for our annual Easter Egg raffle on Monday 13th March. These will be £1 a strip and the 1st prize is a 1Kg chocolate egg! As usual, we will share any funds raised from this event with Dove House Hospice who have kindly donated the 1st prize egg. The raffle will be drawn in school on Thursday 30th March.
- The children will explore the Easter story in school through a range of activities, when we will also be joined by Rev. Naylor, on Friday 24th March.
- We will also have an Easter performance by our Year 2 children on Wednesday 29th March. Year 2 parents are welcome to join us for this in the school hall at 9am.
- We will finish our Easter celebrations with our whole school church service at St. James' Church, Sutton, on Friday 31st March at 1.40pm. Parents are welcome to join us but, unfortunately, due to the limited space we are unable to accommodate prams/pushchairs in the church.

## ST. JAMES' CHURCH UPDATE

The staff and children were deeply disappointed and upset to hear about a recent break in at our church, St. James' in Sutton. During the burglary, a window was broken, donations made to the church were taken and various church items were stolen. The children are keen to help our church towards the cost of repairs and replacements and the school council will be in touch once they have decided on a way that the school community can be of assistance. Thank you to parents who have also shared their disappointment and offered their support with regards to this.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY - FURTHER DATES TO FOLLOW AS THESE ARE ORGANISED

WB 13th March	Parents' Evenings and Science Week
Wednesday 29th March	Year 2 Easter performance at 9am - Y2 parents welcome to join us
Friday 31st March	1.40pm - Easter Church Service at St. James' Church and School closes for Easter
Monday 17th April	Children return to school
Monday 1st May	School closed - Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 8th May	School closed - Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 9th May	Y6 SATs week
Friday 26th May	School closed for half term holiday
Monday 5th June	Children return to school
Friday 21st July	School closed for summer holiday
Monday 4th September	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 5th September	Children return to school